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SUBJECT: ARS RESEARCH UNIT - AVAILABILITY OF VEHICLE

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1. MISSION SUGGESTS THAT IN VIEW NECESSITY FOR ARS ACCESS INTO ROUGH NORTHERN TERRAIN MOST PRACTICAL VEHICLE FOR UNIT WOULD BE LAND ROVER STATION WAGON. THERE IS A LARGE LAND ROVER DEALERSHIP IN BANGKOK WITH ADEQUATE SERVICE FACILITIES. MOST UPCOUNTRY MECHANICS ARE ALSO FAMILIAR WITH SERVICING LAND ROVERS. WHICH ARE USED BY MANY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

2. BANGKOK LAND ROVER DEALER WILL HAVE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO MONTHS FOLLOWING DUTY- FREE VEHICLE: SIX CYLINER 109 INCH WHEELBASE RIGHT- HAND DRIVE STATION WAGON (FOUR SIDE DOORS WITH ONE REAR DOOR) WITH FOUR WHEEL DRIVE, LOW RANGE AND WINCH; COST; 135,000 BAHT, APPROXIMATELY \$6555 AT CURRENT RATE OF EXCHANGE.

3. IN INTERIM PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF LAND ROVER USOM OFFERS MANIS TEMPORARY USE OF WAGONEER.

4. WOULD APPRICAITE AGRICULTURE INDICATE SOONEST WHTHER INTERESTED IN PROCURING VEHICLE DESCRIBED ABOVE. ALL NECESSARY CLEARANCES FOR PURCHASE OF FOREIGN MADE VEHICLE SHOULD BE OBTAINED BY AGRICULTURE
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